Reply of Government.—As far as possible when large tanks are restored, the repairs of channels are also attended to, but the channels are subsequently neglected by raiyats. Individual cases where relief is required may be brought to the notice of Deputy Commissioners.

SUBJECT No. 292.

Classification of tanks into *Major* and *Minor*.

Messrs. Chikramanna, Suryanaranappa, Sonne Gowda and Byre Gowda, Kolar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A tank is now being classed as *Major* or *Minor* according to the actual revenue collected on the lands and not on the whole atchkat under a tank. For example, the amount of assessment on the atchkat lands under a certain tank is Rs. 500. The tank being in disrepair, only lands assessed at Rs. 200 are in holding and consequently this tank is treated as a *Minor* one and no repairs are executed thereto. By this classification, several *Major* tanks are treated as *Minor* ones and left in disrepair. But if the method of determining whether a tank is *Major* or *Minor* on the entire assessment of atchkat lands be adopted, and necessary repairs carried out thereto, the revenue of Government will increase and the raiyat will be benefited.

Reply of Government.—This is a large question and will be considered in connection with the revision of the Tank Maintenance Rules.

SUBJECT No. 293.

Railings on the bunds of roadside tanks, ponds, etc.

Mr. Padmanna, Nanjangud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Accidents frequently occur, by not putting railings to the bunds of tanks, ponds, etc., built by the side of roads. To prevent such accidents, it is prayed that proper railings be fixed on the bunds of such tanks, etc.

Reply of Government.—This is being done as far as funds permit.

SUBJECT No. 294.

Nala Manegars for tanks yielding more than Rs. 5,000.

Messrs. K. Ramanujiengar, Gubbi Taluk, Dalappa and Narasimmaiya, Anekal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats fail to do the channel clearing and the earthwork to tank bunds in time. An enquiry had been set on foot some time ago to ascertain if the raiyats would pay an acreage cess of eight annas to get these works done by Government and some of the raiyats agreed to pay the cess, if Government would also appoint a Nala Manegar for the proper distribution of water. Year by year the question of the appointment of a Nala Manegar for large tanks is being urged for the consideration of Government. It is therefore suggested that the proposed acreage cess may be ordered to be levied for executing the annual maintenance work by Government agency and for appointing a Nala Manegar for all tanks whose income exceeds Rs. 5,000.

Reply of Government.—This will be referred to the Revenue Commissioner for devising some means of securing a proper distribution of the water and conserving the supply.